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TEXAS MASS SHOOTING

26 DEAD IN CHURCH ATTACK

Investigation: Man pulled into gas station, fired rifle as he crossed the street and entered building, officials say

Victims: Those killed range in age from 5 to 72 and included pastor's 14-year-old daughter; 16 were wounded

NICK WAGNER — AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN VIA AP

Mona Rodriguez holds her son, J Anthony Hernandez, 12, during a vigil held for the victims of a fatal shooting at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, on Sunday.

It's unclear if suspect died of self-inflicted wound, official says

By Jim Vertuno
The Associated Press

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, TEXAS » A man dressed in black tactical-style gear and armed with an assault rifle opened fire inside a church in a small South Texas community on Sunday, killing 26 people and wounding at least 16 others in what the governor called the deadliest mass shooting in the state's history. The dead ranged in age from 5 to 72 years old.

Authorities didn't identify the suspect during a news conference Sunday night, but two other officials — one a U.S. official and one in law enforcement — identified him as Devin Kelley. They spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss the investigation.

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ERICH SCHLEGEL — GETTY IMAGES

Flags fly at half-staff at the First Baptist Church on Sunday. The governor called the attack the deadliest mass shooting in Texas' history.

Church was center of the community

By Jim Vertuno, Nomaan Merchant, and Diana Heidgerd
The Associated Press

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, TEXAS » The most recent sermon posted on YouTube by the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, Texas, shows him explaining why he had parked a motorcycle in front of his lectern.

As he walked side to side on the stage, Frank Pomeroy explained in the video posted Oct. 29 that he wanted to discuss having faith in forces that can't be seen, be they gravity during a sharp turn or God.

"Just as leaning into a turn may not

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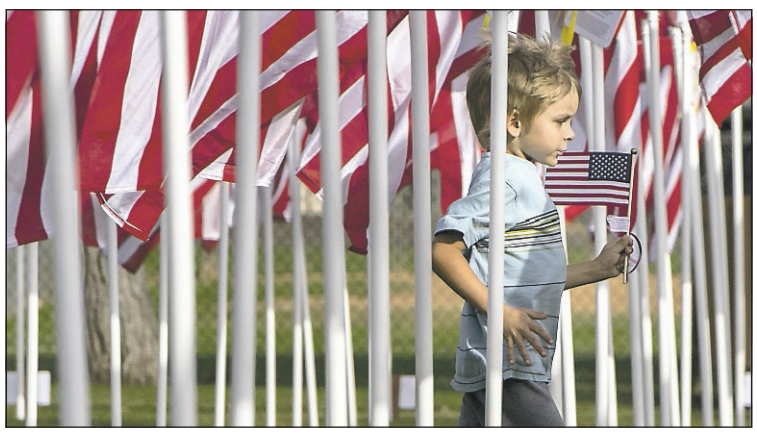

MINDY SCHAUER — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Patrick Keller, 5, of Orange runs through a maze of flags during opening ceremonies for the Field of Valor in Orange on Sunday.

CELEBRATION

Field of Valor in Orange honors veterans with 1,776 flags

A patriotic display, educational events and fundraising are part of the event at Handy Park. The event runs through Veterans Day. LOCAL 1

SPORTS

Rams show no rust from bye week in rout of Giants

Jared Goff and Robert Woods hooked up for two TDs, and the Rams rolled to a 51-17 road rout of the New York Giants. SPORTS 1

SPORTS

Fryer: Quality matchups in CIF football first round

Columnist says there are many promising pairings in the playoff brackets revealed Sunday. SPORTS 2

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TRANSPORTATION

Region's commuting ranked as most stressful in nation

Jonathan Lansner
Columnist

You're not crazy, Southern California commuters: Your trip to work ranks poorly on a national and global scale.

The only good news? The region's employers finally might be taking notice.

The Robert Half employment agency studied what major U.S. metro areas have the longest commutes and the most anxiety-inducing trips to work to see how their clients could deal with this mind-grinding workplace challenge.

It probably doesn't surprise many Southern Californian workers that we endure the most stressful commutes among 27 U.S. markets studied, according to a Half survey of commuters. And that's from the region with just the eighth-longest average trip — 53.7 minutes — in the nation.

"Probably not the list you want to be No. 1 on," said Brett Good, Half's senior district president for Southern California and Arizona.

STAFF FILE PHOTO

Southern California has the eighth-longest average commute in the nation at 53.7 minutes.

This isn't simply about congestion between home and work. The study suggests extensive mass transit options in a region can lower the anxiety created by this travel.

"When you're doing all the work, it only adds to the stress of commuting," Good says of those driving to their job.

For example, Washington, D.C. — known for its extensive mass transit network — had the longest commute at 60.4 minutes but was only eighth-most stressful. San Francisco ranked No. 2 for time (59.2 minutes), but its BART system

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